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As Essex Police reach a dead end in historic child sex abuse investigation, the YA hands over fresh evidence which provides new lines of enquiry

# NEW LEADS RESCUE CASE

INVESTIGATION: Det Supt Tracey Harman (right)



### EXCLUSIVE

By Charles Thomson

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THE YELLOW Advertiser has been instrumental in reopening a historic child sex abuse inquiry for a second time, by delivering a dossier of fresh evidence to Essex Police.

Detectives called the YA to police headquarters in Chelmsford last week to announce the end of Operation SANDS.

But during the briefing, the YA handed over a document containing detailed allegations about more than 10 men and women based in and around Southend in the 1980s.

The detailed allegations were made by a man who claims he was abused over a years-long period as a teenager. It was compiled and handed to police with his consent.

In it, he named multiple childhood friends he believed were also victims.

Expert child protection officer Detective Superintendent Tracey

Harman confirmed the man was known to police as a suspected victim and his information would be followed up.

The force has since confirmed that it is pursuing "multiple new main lines of inquiry" based on our document.

Essex Police said in spring 2016 that it was reviewing an almost 30-year-old investigation into child abuse in and around Shoeburyness.

Dubbed Operation SANDS, the review was launched in direct response to an 18-month YA investigation. The investigation began in late 2014, with the YA raising questions over 10 secret compensation payments authorised by Essex County Council for "alleged abuse" in the 1970s and 1990s.

It resulted in four whistleblowers – all child protection workers in the Southend area during the 1980s and 1990s – raising concerns with the YA over a "paedophile ring" they felt had not been properly investigated.

Two men were convicted of child sex charges, relating to six vic-

tims, after the original police investigation in 1990. But the whistleblowers said they knew other men had abused the same children, and possibly dozens more, yet appeared not to have been pursued.

Nick Alston, then the county's police and crime commissioner, described the whistleblowers as "eminently credible". He and Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh ordered the creation of Operation SANDS.

Det Supt Harman said the review found a number of files connected to the original investigation had been destroyed, in line with the force's retention policy.

In the records which did remain, some victims did make reference to other men, said Det Supt Harman, but they did not identify them in enough detail for police to trace them.

But the complainant who spoke with the YA said he had named several other abusers, by either their full names or their first names and places of work, to

police at the time. He named them again in the dossier handed to Det Supt Harman by the YA last week.

Det Supt Harman said three fresh complainants had come forward after Operation SANDS was announced, each making allegations about one man, now in his 80s, who was arrested and interviewed.

She said: "However, based on all the information gathered and witness spoken to, there was insufficient evidence to charge in this instance. If anyone has further evidence in connection with this or any other investigation, I need them to come forward to us."

Det Supt Harman said that in addition to prompting complainants to come forward to Operation SANDS, the YA's reporting on historic allegations had emboldened victims to come forward in other, unrelated cases.

Anyone with information about abuse in and around Shoeburyness in the 1980s and 1990s is asked to call Essex Police on 101. The officer leading Operation SANDS is DC Laura Williams.

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The updates, brought in by the acute pain service, also feature patient controlled analgesia pumps, which means patients can administer pain killers themselves, without assistance, with the

touch of a button.

Lee Merrison, clinical nurse specialist, said: "You could say that our new machines are like going from an original smart phone to the latest model, they've improved greatly."

"With upgraded pumps it means our patients are getting the most modern technology to help ease their pain and speed their recovery post operation."



**FUTURISTIC:** Rachael Jordan, associate clinical nurse specialist, Lee Merrison, lead clinical nurse specialist and Jackie Rixon, associate clinical nurse specialist with new pain relief machines

# Hospital denies plans for Airbnb style bed scheme

"We will not support this pilot until the necessary safeguarding and quality arrangements are in place..."

S O U T H E N D Hospital has refuted claims it is to take part in an Airbnb style pilot beds scheme.

It was widely reported that the hospital may participate in a trial with company CareRooms.

CareRooms says on its website that it turns spare rooms into secure care spaces for patients waiting to be discharged from hospital.

It uses hosts who receive a rental

income for the use of the room – Airbnb uses a similar system where people can earn income for hosting holiday makers in their property.

CareRooms has posted on Twitter that it has been out this month in Leigh and at Southend Hospital looking for potential hosts.

But the trust that runs the hospital put out a statement last Thursday denying that it wished to support



**ASSURANCE:** Hospital rejects beds scheme... for now.

the pilot scheme at this time.

Tom Abell, deputy chief executive of Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Whilst we welcome and encourage new ideas and innovation, there is no intention and there never has been for the hospital to support this pilot at this time."

"We will never compromise the safety and quality of care for patients and we will

not support this pilot until the necessary safeguarding and quality arrangements are in place and there has been full engagement and discussion with our local communities on the proposal, this will happen after a period of detailed work and scoping that we have requested."

The Y4 contacted CareRooms for a comment, but had not received a reply at the time of going to press.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Bike boy strikes with knife

● POLICE are investigating a robbery in which a man and woman were threatened by a boy with a knife.

They were approached by the unknown teenage boy on a bike, who was holding a knife, in Victoria Avenue, Southend, at around 10.30pm on October 19. An Essex Police spokesman said the boy threatened them and stole a phone, a bag and purse with personal items inside. He left on his bike and headed towards Porters Grange and the underpass of Queensway.

A 16-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of robbery and put on police bail until November 18.

### More jobs for Southend

● A COMPANY has opened a second call centre in Southend, which it claims has created 180 jobs.

Ventrica's new centre, in Maitland House, was opened by Southend Council on October 24. A spokesman for the company, which has another site in Tylers Avenue, said further growth is planned over the next two years.

### Southend roads get £1.7m

● SOUTHERND Council has been awarded £1.7million from the Government to go towards road improvements.

The money, allocated by the Department of Transport, will be used to carry out the £2.5million works in the town centre, including improving right turn access to Warrior Square and Tylers Avenue car parks and providing better car parking signs.

### Man 'glassed' in bar

● POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man was struck around the head with a glass bottle in a bar in Southend.

The 18-year-old man was on the dancefloor area at East Coast Social, in London Road, at about 2.15am on Sunday, October 15 when he was struck with the bottle by another man, who had approached him. The victim was taken to hospital and treated for a cut to his head. Witnesses can call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

\*A 20-year-old man from Southend has been arrested on suspicion of GBH and released under investigation.

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As well as being home to a range of art and craft workshops, shops and boutiques, and Tiptree Tea Rooms, The Village is hosting a Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 25, from 10am to 4pm, with a host of fun activities including performances from three local schools.

For your chance to win The Best of The Village Christmas Hamper, which contains afternoon tea at Tiptree Tea Room; a one hour facial treatment at Escape; a ukulele from Rainbow Music; a voucher to create a personalised handprint mug at Hazle's Pottery; a goody bag from Craft Arena; and stud earrings from Weidman Glass, just answer the following question.

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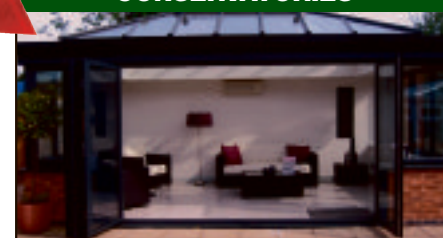
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# Crowdfunding campaign to help care for animals offering beneficial pet therapy

## Charity aims to raise £2,500

By Michael Cox

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A CHARITY has set up a crowdfunding campaign to go towards the care of animals at its gardens in Westcliff and Shoeburyness.

Trust Links, which supports people with mental health problems, is aiming to raise £2,500 and a charity spokesman said Comic Relief is providing match-funding.

There are four guinea pigs at Trust Links' Growing Together garden in Shoeburyness and six chickens at Growing Together Westcliff.

The money will go towards food, bedding and enhanced conditions for the animals, as well as for veterinary care.

The charity plans to install a duck house in the large wildlife pond at Growing Together Shoeburyness and provide bird feeders, bird seed and viewing facilities at each of the four Growing Together community gardens,



FEATHERED FRIENDS: Growing Together Westcliff members and their chickens

with the others in Rochford and Thundersley.

The spokesman added there were "clear benefits" of pet therapy for those attending the gardens.

Matt King, Trust Links chief executive, said: "Our members love looking after the chickens and guinea pigs."

"Many of the adults with mental health issues and young people that come to Growing Together live in places where they cannot have pets of their own. Donations from the public, which will be matchfunded pound for pound by Comic Relief, will make a huge difference to helping us look after the community pets and enhance facilities for wildlife at the Growing Together community gardens."

■ Donations can be made by visiting <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/community-pet-growing-together/> or in person to Growing Together Westcliff on the corner of Fairfax Drive and Prittlewell Chase.

## Boy, 16, knifed as he tried to help a pal

A 16-YEAR-OLD-BOY was stabbed in the stomach in Southend.

The teenager had been at an address in Philpott Avenue at 1am on Wednesday last week when he saw a friend being assaulted by three men, described to police as a black man and two white men.

An Essex Police spokesman said the boy went over to help his friend but was stabbed in the left side of his stomach.

He made his way to Hamstel Road where an ambulance was called and the boy was taken to hospital. His injuries were not life-threatening.

Detective Constable Rachel Martin, from Southend CID, said: "This was a really nasty attack on someone just trying to help their friend."

"The victim's injuries aren't life-threatening but this attack could easily have been worse."

"It's really important I identify the three men and locate them."

"If you saw the attack or the three men in the moments after, I need to you contact me."

If you have any information contact DC Martin at Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



SCHEME: Jessica Lester, marketing and communications co-ordinator for Southend BID and Martyn Warne, manager of East Coast Social

## Firms boost town's safety at night

SOUTHEND businesses are set to invest £10,000 in crime reduction and safety initiatives linked to the night-time economy.

The town's Business Improvement District (BID) is putting money into extra policing on High Street, the seafront and Lucy Road as well as into the Drinkaware Crew and Ask for Angela schemes.

Members of the first initiative are specially-trained bar and nightclub staff who work to reduce drunken, antisocial behaviour in young people.

The Ask for Angela campaign began in Lincolnshire with posters appearing in bars, pubs and clubs encouraging people to discreetly ask for help by going to the bar and "asking for Angela".

One bar taking part in the campaign is East Coast Social, in London Road, which is also a member of the BID.

BID manager Alison Dewey said: "We will continue to strive to make Southend a safe, happy and vibrant place to come on a date, enjoy the office Christmas party, go clubbing or bring the family for a fun night out together."

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PANTO: Lee Mead takes the leading role as Jack Trot, with Stacey Solomon as Mother Nature, Bobby Davro as Simple Simon and Robin Askwith as Fleshcreep. Photos by Martin Dalton



# Fee, Fie, Fo, Fum... panto time is so much fun



A STAR studded line-up will appear in this year's giant of a panto – Jack and the Beanstalk – at Cliffs Pavilion, Southend.

Lee Mead takes the leading role as Jack Trot, with Stacey Solomon as Mother Nature, Bobby Davro as Simple Simon and Robin Askwith as Fleshcreep.

This year's production,

which runs from Saturday, December 16, to Sunday January 7, 2018, promises larger-than-life special effects including a spectacular 3D sequence that will transport audiences to the Giant's magical kingdom.

Lee, who lives in Southend, shot to fame after winning the BBC series 'Any Dream Will

Do' to take the role of Joseph in the West End in 2007, and more recently has been seen on

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## Lee Mead heads all star cast in Peter Pan at the Southend Cliffs Pavilion



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Out of Here!, becoming a co-host on its spin off show, I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here! Extra Camp, last year alongside Vicky Pattison, Joe Swash

and Chris Ramsey. Television star and comedian Bobby Davro appeared on a variety of television shows in the 80s and 90s and, more recently,

appeared in the likes of Celebrity Big Brother, reaching the finals in 2015; while Robin is most famous for his role as Timmy Lea in the

Confessions comedy series in the 70s, and has appeared in a variety of television programmes as well as theatre productions. For further details and

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## NEWS



JAILED: Justyn Ransley

# Lorry driver who hit cyclist was on wrong side of road

A MAN has been sentenced following a fatal collision between a lorry and a cyclist in Buckhurst Hill.

Justyn Ransley, 37, of Cunningham Close, Shoeburyness, was driving on the wrong side of the road when he hit a cyclist.

The rider, Stephen Wightwick, 48, died as a result of the collision.

Ransley failed to stop at the scene, in the early hours of Thursday, December 1, last year, but officers later found the lorry in a compound in Basildon. He was arrested at his home address shortly afterwards.

Ransley pleaded guilty to causing death by dan-

gerous driving, failing to stop and failing to report a road traffic collision at Chelmsford Crown Court on Wednesday, October 25.

He was sentenced to four years in prison and disqualified from driving for four years. He will also have to take an extended retest.

Ransley was given credit for pleading guilty at the first opportunity.

Detective Sergeant Peter Swan, of the serious collision investigation unit, said: "Justyn Ransley's actions were reckless, driving on the wrong side of the road and doing 43mph in a 30mph limit."

"He hit Stephen Wightwick and didn't stop, leaving him lying seriously injured on the pavement alongside his bike and the wing mirror from the lorry."

"Although he returned a few minutes later he didn't try to help Mr Wightwick or call the emergency services."

"Instead, he continued with his deliveries and used his phone to try and find replacement parts for the lorry, later telling his employers he'd hit a tree."

"On his arrest Ransley tried to claim black ice caused him to be on the wrong side of the road and he was unaware he'd hit a cyclist."

"It was only after we showed him CCTV footage from the previous two weeks where he performed the same manoeuvre every time he drove that route and of him returning to the scene that Ransley was left with no option but to admit his guilt."

"I would like to thank the investigation team and also pay tribute to Mr Wightwick's family who have shown great courage and dignity throughout this process."

"I hope this sentence brings them some closure. They can now begin to face life ahead without a much loved son, husband, father and brother. My thoughts are with them."

## Arrest made after robberies

POLICE are investigating a robbery and attempted robbery in Southend that may be linked.

The robbery took place in Southchurch Road at 10.25pm last Wednesday.

A 15-year-old boy was approached by a young man with his face covered who threatened him with a knife and stole his rucksack, mobile phone and wallet.

At 1.15am on Thursday, a man approached a woman, in her 30s, in Ambleside Drive, threatened her with a knife and demanded money.

He ran off towards Kensington Road when a vehicle drove past.

Anyone with information should contact DC Leese at Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

A 16-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of robbery and released on police bail until November 18.

## Regeneration plans

EXHIBITIONS are being held on proposals for a regeneration project in Southend.

Southend Council is creating plans to regenerate the Queensway area, with a development made up of housing, commercial space, public areas and a new road network.

The Better Queensway scheme would include around 1,300 new homes, which will include a minimum of 441 'affordable' homes.

Two public exhibitions are set to take place where the council is welcoming people to drop in, meet the project team and give feedback.

The exhibitions will be held on Wednesday, November 8 and Thursday, November 16 between 2pm and 8pm in the Deeping Meeting Room, The Forum Southend, Elmer Square, Southend.

Cllr Ann Holland, executive councillor for culture, tourism and the economy, said: "Better Queensway is the biggest, most ambitious regeneration project in the local area and that's why we are committed to involving the community of Southend at this early stage."

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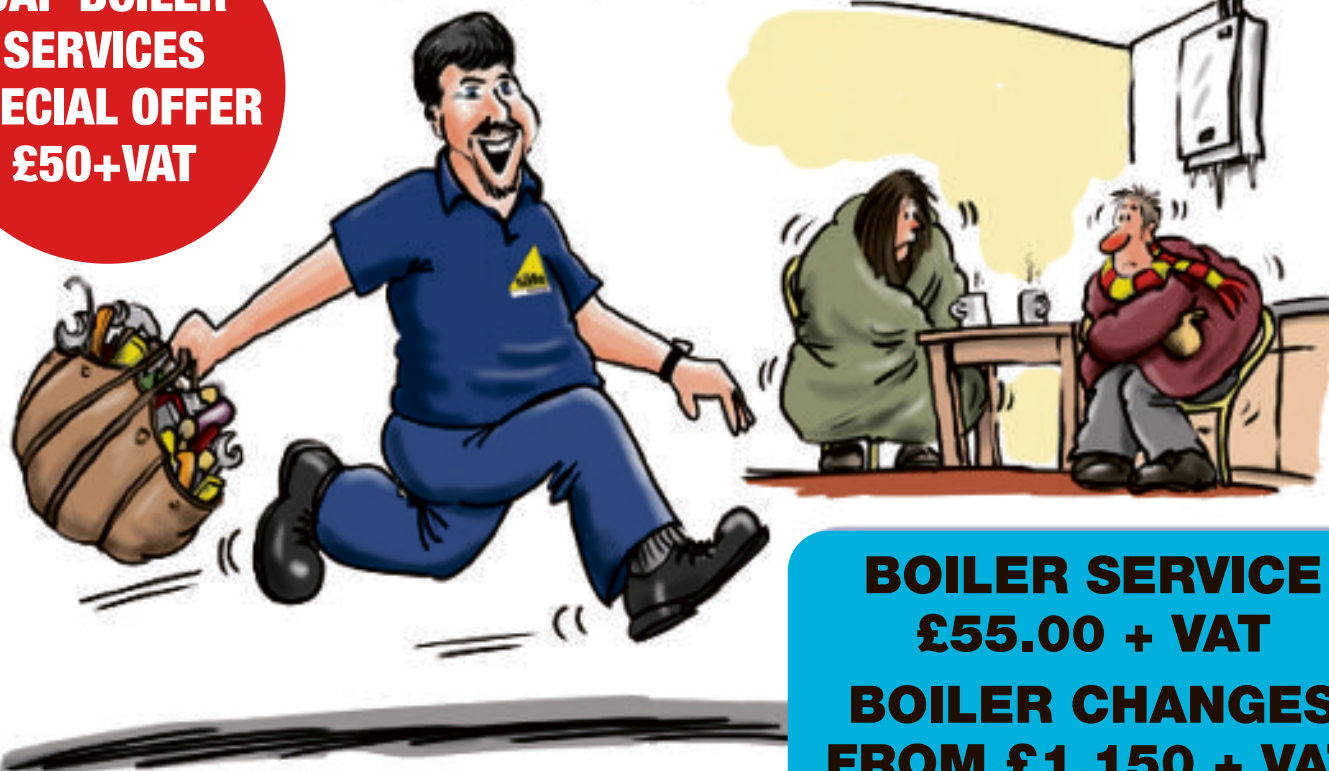
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## Brexiters' dodgy brand of politics

MESSRS. Knight and Little continue larging it in readers' letters for a hard Brexit or bust come what may (*Letters, Oct 20*).

Painting a picture of brave Brits sticking two fingers up to bullying EU negotiators, whilst accusing remainers of wanting to hand the UK on a plate to a German-run institution of mad dictators, and expressing a fervent wish to bring back "strong, powerful intelligent" Nigel Farage as the only political persona around capable of leading us out of the European Union between them, I can't help but wonder where they get it all from.

The tabloid press I would guess, and I do understand the need for a free press capable of holding government to account in its own inimitable way, knowing full-well that its editors claim that they are merely reflecting and articulating the views of the public, their readership.

But, and it's a big but, the tabloid press also publishes devious headline inaccuracies and over the top distortions that "help" their readership to feel how they are feeling about certain issues it keeps promoting without let-up.

And the tabloids have governments running scared of them as a result, despite falling circulations and,

moreover, set the agenda that broadcasters follow.

For decades there has been a steady drip, drip, drip of this front page stuff hostile to the EU that cannot but fail to have an effect that is misleadingly way off the mark.

There have been apologies and retractions – always in small print tucked away deep behind the front page – but the damage has been done.

Whatever... Keiths Little and Knight are gagging for a hard Brexit without knowing what the hell it means – no one does yet – and without thought for what it might entail for the austerity-suffering people of this nation just so long as they get away from the "enemy" as they obviously see it.

This is a dodgy way to do politics in a dangerously divided nation.

John Haran  
Leigh-on-Sea

## Tell your MP about Brexit car crash

IN response to Keith Little (*Letters, October 13*), I'm not sure how "attacking" Theresa May for her Brexit negotiations, or indeed for any of her and the Government's actions, can be called "undemocratic".

Surely, in a democracy, that is exactly what should happen if people are concerned by what is taking place in Parliament; if Government in power cannot be held to account, that turns democracy

in to a dictatorship.

Also, K. Knight suggesting that "remoaners" should live with "our" decision, "be it good or bad for the UK", is laughable to me.

If you were driving a car heading towards a crash, I'm sure you would at least attempt to put your foot on the break.

Brexit is far from a done deal and those disappointed or not in agreement with the way things are heading need to voice their concerns now and let their MP know their feelings.

Katy Trevorton  
Westcliff

## Schools' full figures need attention

QUITE often there is accidental humour in our council meetings.

Last Thursday, for example, we witnessed the unique (in my experience) thrill that was a portfolio holder for children and learning calling in his own minute.

Oh, how we laughed. Except that the Conservative councillor proceeded to laud the achievements of his administration with statistics that are quite misleading.

Using council gathered data he proceeded to proclaim that Southend schools are out-performing national averages, and therefore are a resounding success.

However, the statistics are

for children educated in Southend, and not for Southend children, and there is an important distinction here.

We have six schools in the borough whose intake is largely from outside of the borough.

The four grammar schools and two faith schools skew the statistics.

Of course, I am delighted for all children that receive a first-class education.

However, the real numbers show that children in Southend are actually doing a lot worse than the council and its ruling administration would lead you to believe.

I am elected to represent Southend's children, not the sons and daughters of those living in east London or Kent, or other parts of Essex, and I deeply regret that they are not performing so well.

This is a serious issue that needs urgent attention.

Instead of the mockery that was the self-congratulating grandstanding of the portfolio holder he should be straining every sinew to see that children residing in Southend are performing as well as the rest of this country of ours.

Cllr Julian Ware-Lane  
Labour, Milton ward

## Uncertainty over new trade deals

ONE of the reasons advanced for leaving the European Union was that there will be fantastic opportunities for the UK to make trade deals other non-EU countries, (excluding those such as Canada that the EU already has a trade deal with).

However, no one seems to be clear as to what a good trade deal trade is, say with China, and as to what they will want in return.

The UK Department of International Trade is recruiting hundreds of highly paid staff to run up large bills for air miles for no tangible purpose.

Also what happened to so-called open Britain?

The more enthusiastic "leavers" appear to be happy to spend vast sums of taxpayers' money to turn the country into to some sort of protective fortress necessitating the employment of thousands more immigration and customs officials and assorted pen-pushers to deal with exports and imports or

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Paul Divine  
Westcliff

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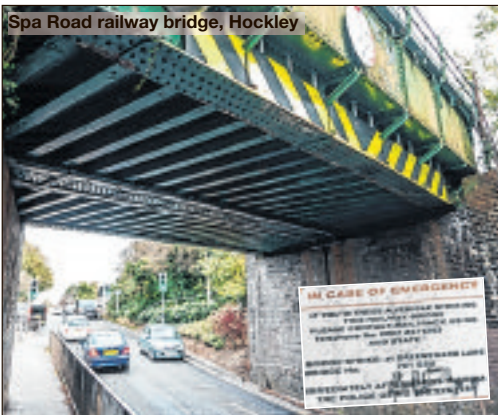
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The rail infrastructure company said most bridge strikes across the rail network are caused by lorries.

A Network Rail spokesman said it is calling on haulage companies and drivers of high vehicles to check their height and plan routes to reduce the number of collisions.

He added that a national campaign is to be launched calling on companies to challenge their drivers to check the heights of their vehicles.

Meliha Duymaz, Network Rail's route managing director for Anglia, said: "We know

there are some areas where we could be better across the industry to stop strikes happening and give drivers and logistics companies the tools they need to help tackle the problem more effectively.

"Bridge strikes impact the whole transport network and by working together we can provide the right training and education for logistics companies to help them support their drivers.

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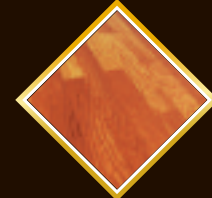
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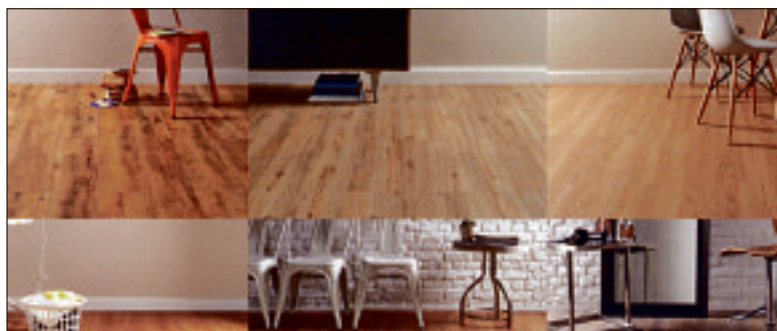
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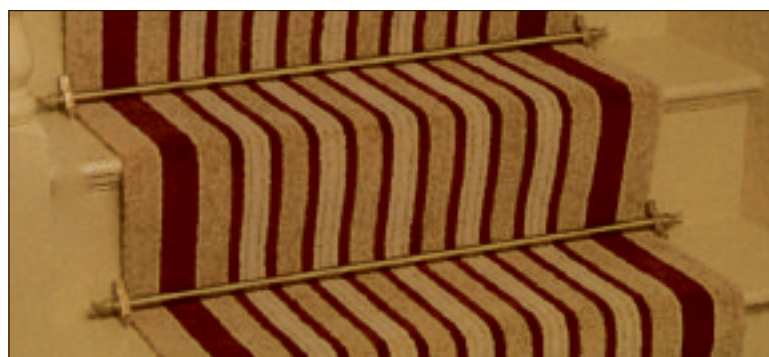
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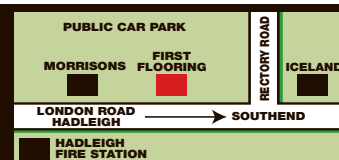


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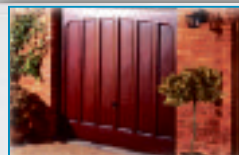
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With Regal Kitchens as the winner, this has placed Chelmsford on the map for all the right reasons.

Also on a local level, Indian Restaurant Live Dosa received 61 reviews.

Best Business in Town and recruitment company Ascension Global Recruitment, which received 18 reviews, was third nationally.

Tom Boshier, from The best of Chelmsford, said: "We are incredibly proud of all our local businesses who qualified for the Chelmsford Business of the Year Awards.

"They received fantastic reviews from local people using their services.

"On behalf of the businesses I would like to thank every single person who took the time to leave a review.

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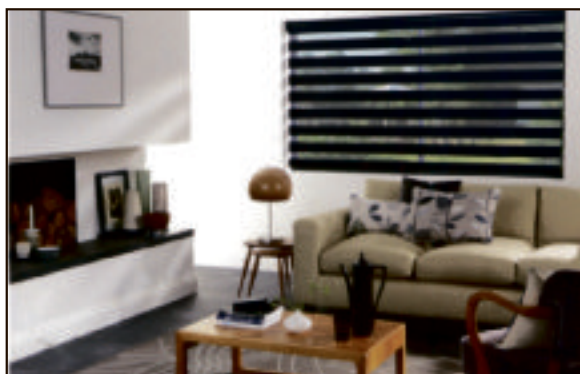
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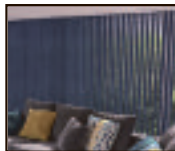
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# LIFESTYLE

## Boulevard of broken dreams

By Liz Wade

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**A**NDREW Lloyd Webber's *Sunset Boulevard* will hit the stage at Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, in January next year with Ria Jones as Norma Desmond and Danny Mac as Joe Gillis.

In her mansion on Sunset Boulevard, faded, silent-screen goddess, Norma Desmond, lives in a fantasy world.

Impoverished screen writer, Joe Gillis, who is on the run from debt collectors, stumbles into her reclusive world.

Persuaded to work on Norma's "masterpiece", a film script that she believes will put her back in front of the cameras, he is seduced by her and her luxurious lifestyle. Joe becomes entrapped in a claustrophobic world until his love for another woman leads him to try and break free with dramatic consequences.

One of the all-time great musicals, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award-winning masterpiece – Best Musical, Best Original Score and Best Book of a Musical – is a compelling story of romance and obsession.

Based on Billy Wilder's legendary film, this much-loved score includes the title number *Sunset Boulevard*, as well as *With One Look*, *As If We Never Said Goodbye*, *The Greatest Star Of All* and *The Perfect Year*, all of which will be performed by a full orchestra.

Directed by Nikolai Foster, *Sunset Boulevard* is crossing the country and will appear at a series of venues including Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, from January 29, to February 3.

Last year, Ria played the role of Norma Desmond at the London Coliseum when Glenn Close was indisposed, and received rave reviews and standing ovations for her performance.

Ria, who has recently starred as Dorothy Brock in *42nd Street* at the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, has a number of West End credits including *Fantine* in *Les Misérables*, *Grizabella* in *Cats* and *Florence* in *Chess*.

Her touring credits include *Alex* in *The Witches of Eastwick*, *Mrs Overall* in *Acorn Antiques – The Musical*, *Reno Sweeney* in *Anything Goes* and *The Narrator* in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Danny Mac, best known for playing Mark "Dodger" Savage in the Channel 4 soap opera *Hollyoaks*, captured the nation's hearts during his spell on BBC1's *Strictly Come Dancing* last year, making it all the way to the final.

Danny most recently starred as Gabey in *On The Town* at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, and his other musical theatre credits include *Wicked* and *Legally Blonde*.

*Sunset Boulevard* also features Adam Pearce as Max Von Mayerling, Molly Lynch as Betty Schaefer, Dougie Carter as Artie Green and Carl Sanderson as Cecil B. DeMille.

Adam's many West End credits include *Les Misérables* at the Queen's Theatre, as well as the original casts of *Love Never Dies* at the Adelphi, *The Light Princess* at the National Theatre and *Urinetown* at the St James Theatre.

Adam has also appeared in *Evita*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Sweeney Todd*.

Molly, whose credits include *Fiddler on the Roof* at Grange Park Opera, most recently appeared in *English National Opera's Carousel* at the Coliseum, where she has also appeared in *Sweeney Todd*, while Dougie recently played *Jean-Michel* in the national tour of *La Cage Aux Folles*.

His West End theatre credits include *Les Misérables* at the Queen's Theatre and *Alice*.

Carl's West End credits include *Cats*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Acorn Antiques – The Musical* and *Starlight Express*, while other theatre credits include national tours of *My Fair Lady* and *Hairspray*, as well as *Guys and Dolls*, *The Music Man* and *The Pajama Game* all at Chichester Festival Theatre.

For further information and tickets to see *Sunset Boulevard* at the Cliffs Pavilion, from January 29, to February 3, 2018, visit [www.southendtheatres.org.uk](http://www.southendtheatres.org.uk) or call the box office on 01702 351135.



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include Princess Dragomiroff (Dame Judi Dench) and her companion Hildegard Schmidt (Olivia Colman), embittered stage actress Caroline Hubbard (Michelle Pfeiffer), Dr Arbuthnot (Leslie Odom Jr) and his

**Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot**

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acquaintances Mary Debenham (Daisy Ridley) and Biniamino Marquez (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo), and missionary Pilar Estravados (Penelope Cruz).

As temperatures drop, tempers fray and Poirot deduces that he is in the middle of a grand conspiracy and no one should be trusted.

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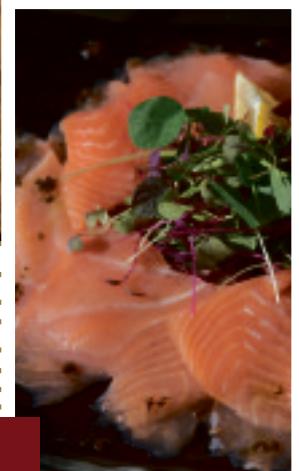
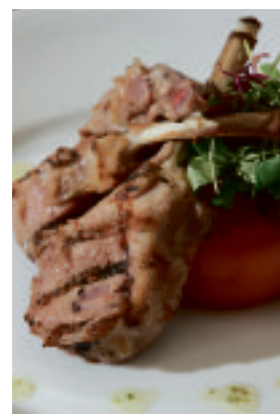
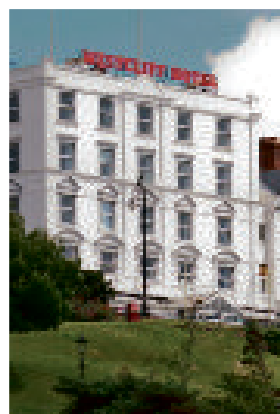
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### Friday, November 3

■ Coffee Morning – Chalkwell Park Methodist Church, corner of Kingsway and Eastwood Lane South, SS0 9XF. 10am to noon.  
■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.  
■ Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nevenden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.  
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10 to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.  
■ Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm, 01268 465854.  
■ Book Club – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am, 01268 465854.  
■ Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.  
■ Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

### Saturday, November 4

■ Chanteuses Autumn concert – The Cornerstones United Reformed Church, Bournemouth Park Road, Southend, SS2 5JL, 7.30pm, Tickets £8 (£6 concessions) from 01702 548931 or on the door.  
■ Southend & District NCT charity nearly new sale – St Thomas More School, SS0 0BW, 12.30-2.30pm.  
■ Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon, 01268 415409.  
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■ Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.  
■ Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.  
■ Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.  
■ Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm, 01702 612509.

### Sunday, November 5

■ Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, 10am to noon. Membership £3.  
■ Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.  
■ Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.  
■ King's Church, Southend – Blenheim Church, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.  
■ Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phourourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Ave, Westcliff, 10am to noon, 01702 466435.  
■ Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.  
■ Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07757 658799.

### Monday, November 6

■ Walking football sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 6-7pm, £2 per session.  
■ Ron Spack's Jazztet – Malcolm Perry, saxophone, Alex Boyle, keyboard, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Southend, 8.30pm. Details 01702 512819.  
■ Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon. All-weather green, free coaching, details call Chris 01268 419831.  
■ Green bowls – Mopsies Park, Vange, details 01268 558756.  
■ Coffee Morning and sale of goods – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon.  
■ Club 50+ – 1B Queen's Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.  
■ Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents

in Craylands and Felmores area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call 07880 035968, or just turn up.  
■ Dance Class – usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.  
■ Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm, Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call 01268 727915.  
■ Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.  
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■ Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.  
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■ Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.  
■ Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.  
■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.  
■ Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am, 01268 465432.  
■ Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.  
■ Short Mat Bowls, Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.  
■ Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Ray 01268 777666.  
■ Indoor Bowls – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Monday 2-4pm, 01268 465854.  
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■ Senior Citizens Club – Ghylgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.  
■ Evening of clairvoyance – 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS8 7TT. 3pm, £3 all profits to charity. Tel: 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.  
■ Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.  
■ Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.  
■ Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall,

Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.  
■ Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS2 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.  
■ IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.  
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### Tuesday, November 7

■ Civil Service Retirement Fellowship – Shoeburyness and Thorpe Bay Salvation Army Hall, Frobisher Way, Shoeburyness, 2-4pm. Details 01702 342426.  
■ Walking netball sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 9-10am. £2 per session.  
■ Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY, 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.  
■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.  
■ Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.  
■ Social Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall, 01702 546219/542349.  
■ Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Rd, Leigh, 2.30-4pm, 01702 471873.  
■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.  
■ Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.  
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.  
■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, 01702 715111.  
■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm, 07970 432994.  
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.  
■ Top Cats Social Club (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.  
■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.  
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New figures from HM Land Registry show a typical property sold for £225,956 in August, up from £215,143 in the same month in 2016.

Increases over the last 12 months have been largest in the north-west, where house prices have risen by 6.5 per cent.

This was followed by gains of 6.4 per cent recorded in the East Midlands, east of England and the south-west.

Kevin Shaw, national sales director at property specialist Leaders, says: "The strength and prosperous nature of the country's property market has once again been shown in these new statistics.

"The fact every single region across the UK experienced an increase of at least 2.6 per cent in house prices over the last year shows the market's resilience despite the uncertainty of Brexit and gives sellers and buyers great confidence to make their next move.

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"Next month's Budget is the ideal

## UK house prices up by 5% in past year



opportunity for the government to show it is on the side of prospective first-time buyers by reducing or even abolishing stamp duty for this group."

The statistics show that while the average property is worth

£225,956, first-time buyers actually pay an average of £190,792 while those who have previously owned a property typically spend £262,156.

Kevin adds: "Looking ahead to the next 12 months, the outlook

for the property market remains extremely positive. With the exception of the prime central London sector, further rises in house prices are expected across the country.

"Demand for all types of homes remains high and supply in many

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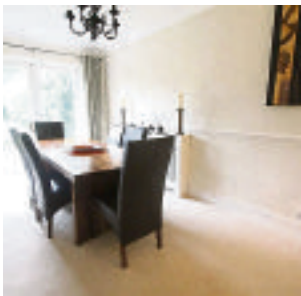
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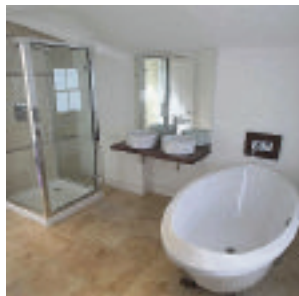
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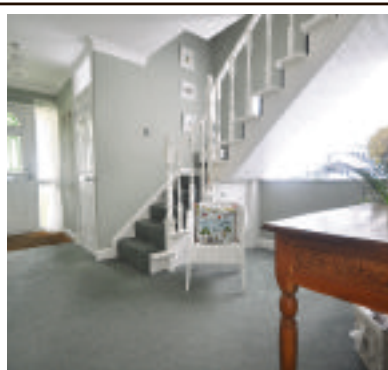
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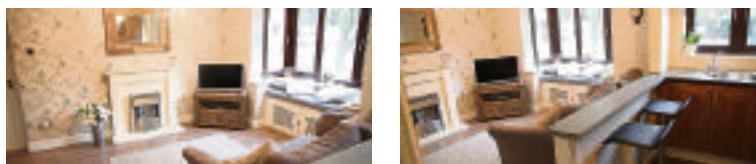
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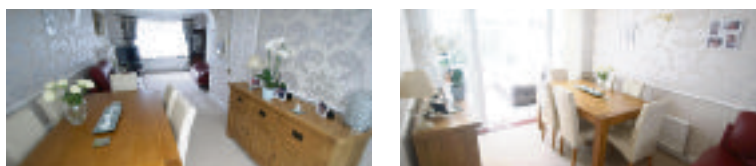
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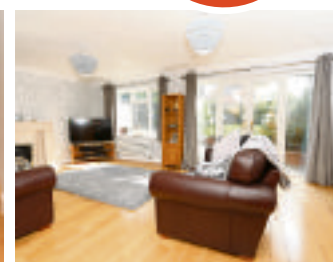
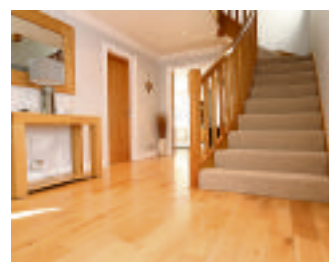
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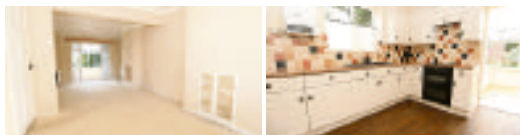
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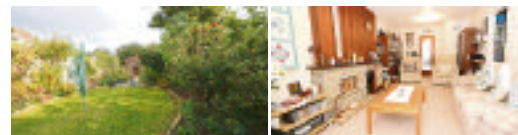


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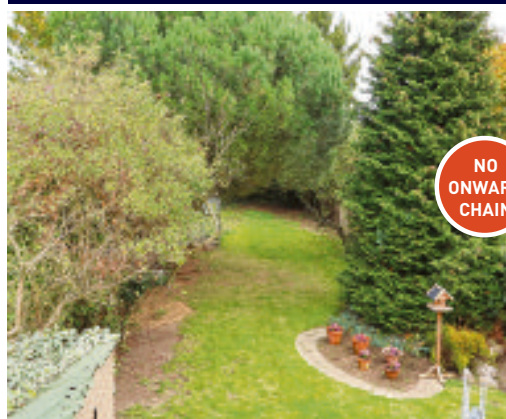
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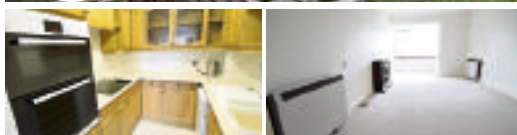
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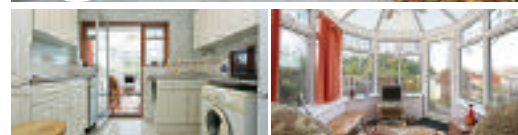
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Marking the occasion, Director, Andrew Stallard said, "The Auction House story has been one of spectacular achievement. In the last ten years we have grown from having just a single sales room in Norwich to running 40 auction rooms across the UK, and a collective annual turnover in the region of £10 million.

"We are now the auctioneer of choice in most parts of the country. Our results show that we have a strong team delivering a top-level service to our sellers and buyers. We're committed to keeping our title of the UK's Number 1 Auctioneer and are looking forward to the next ten years."

The group held its 10th anniversary conference at the Woodland Grange Conference Centre in Leamington Spa earlier this month (Thursday 15 June), which was attended by over 100 member and supplier delegates (see photograph attached). The company also announced that it is refreshing its brand, maintaining red as the dominant colour, but with a cleaner, simpler logo.

Andrew added: "Over the last ten years auctions have become increasingly popular and we've made our service more accessible and successful for a higher numbers of

sellers. During that time, the average selling price at Auction House has risen from £80,000 to £130,000.

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## Testing time for sat nav generation

By Chris Russon

A THIRD of young drivers are now completely reliant on satellite navigation systems to get them to their destination, according to new research.

The study by the Young Driver training organisation has revealed that many a motorist now sets off on a journey without any idea of the route they will take.

And the dependency on sat navs grows the younger the driver, with 33 per cent of those under 24 saying they left themselves entirely in the hands of technology when it comes to navigation.

Young Driver questioned almost 2,500 motorists of all ages about their opinions of the new driving test which comes into force in December and for the first time will include the use of sat navs while out on the road.

Other changes to the test – designed to make it more relevant to everyday driving – include an end to the dreaded turn-in-the-road and reverse around a corner manoeuvres which are to be replaced with one of three

possible reversing exercises, including parallel or bay parking – an operation some 30 per cent of drivers said they struggled with.

As well as showing competency when it comes to using a sat nav, there will also be a longer section of independent driving in the new test and a question and answer session to assess whether it is safe to do something such as opening windows or putting on the wipers.

One in four current drivers in the survey said they thought the hardest thing about driving is dealing with distractions, including passengers talking and external places of interest, rather than the mechanics of working the car.

Laura White, head of marketing at Young Driver, said: "We were intrigued to see what drivers thought of the upcoming changes and although some seem hesitant, given what they're telling us about being a driver – how important sat nav has become, how hard it is to deal with distractions and how bad many of us are at reversing – it seems that the changes are actually very sensible."



Young Driver provides driving tuition for 10 to 17-year-olds in a fleet of dual-control Vauxhall Corsas and will be changing elements of its lesson structure for pupils to include some of the new focus of the revised test which starts on December 4.

However, training will still be given on basic handling skills such as a three-point-turn.

Almost half of those who took part in the survey said they had performed a U-turn at some point in the past month.

And although being able to use

a sat nav is now considered essential, Young Driver will be reminding pupils that keeping safe on the roads includes being aware of where you are and how to adapt if situations change.

"At Young Driver we've been working for eight years now to better educate youngsters behind the wheel, long before they can get on the road for real," said Ms White.

"Research shows that if they can become more practiced at the basics of driving before they turn 17 it makes them a safer driver – almost half as likely to have an accident straight after passing their test than their peers."

"Making the fundamental driving skills become second nature, so they become more 'automatic', leaving the driver better able to deal with distractions and be aware of other road users is key – as is spending as much time as possible with a qualified instructor."

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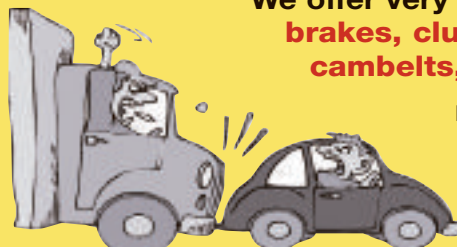
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## Football

**Crystal Palace 2  
West Ham United 2**  
Brian Jeeves reporting  
from Selhurst Park

A GOAL deep into stoppage time from Wilfried Zaha denied West Ham all three points as struggling Crystal Palace hit back from 2-0 down to earn a share of the spoils.

Despite their incredible Carabao Cup fightback against Spurs during the week, pressure still weighed heavily on the shoulders of Slaven Bilic, who had reportedly been given two games to save his job.

It has been a nightmare start for bottom club Palace. The south Londoners had won just one of their opening nine league fixtures.

Nevertheless, Roy Hodgson's team had stunned champions Chelsea in their previous home fixture, and with frontman Zaha returning from a knee injury, hope sprang eternal amidst the Selhurst faithful.

Early exchanges were frantic and untidy. Palace were dealt a blow when Patrick van Aanholt limped out of the action after twisting awkwardly.

The game certainly wasn't easy on the eye as passes went astray and niggling fouls littered the contest.

Former Hammers man James

Tomkins nodded into Joe Hart's midriff as the home side offered a meek effort, while Zaha was inquisitive towards referee Robert Madley following a clash with Jose Fonte.

With their first meaningful foray forward West Ham took the lead. Ayew and Aaron Cresswell combined, teeing up Javier Hernández who beat Julian Speroni with an exquisite finish with the outside of his boot.

Hart produced an incredible one-handed save to deny Tomkins, then recovered to block from Schlupp as Palace looked for a swift response.

But before they could make any real headway, West Ham doubled their advantage. Ayew ran at the Palace rearguard before unleashing a stinging 20-yard left-footed drive high beyond Speroni and into the net.

Shortly after the break Palace were offered the opportunity to reduce the deficit. Ogbornna was clumsy on Andros Townsend, giving Luka Milivojevic the chance to fire the penalty past Hart.

With their tails up, Palace were agonisingly close to levelling when Yohan Cabaye's thundering effort beat Hart, but cannoned back off an upright.

We now had a game on our hands as Palace probed menacingly for an equaliser. Hart again thwarted the hosts, turning aside Zaha's angled

effort, then the England stopper produced an even better save to keep out Cabaye's dead-ball attempt.

Substitute Declan Rice did well to cut out Zaha's low centre as the Palace raids became more frantic.

Then, in stoppage time, Bakary Sako somehow knocked over from a yard out after Tomkins nodded against the bar.

With the clock ticking down Michail Antonio only had to keep possession high up the field, but naively chose to cross. The hosts quickly pushed forward and Zaha was on hand to slot it in the bottom corner with the last kick of the game.

"Nobody could say that they didn't deserve a point," said Bilic after the game. "We are gutted because we were winning 2-0 and we were in a great position."

"They put us under a lot of pressure in the second half, but the game was there for us. I am very disappointed with the penalty, but to concede the second in this manner makes it even harder to take."

"To concede a goal in the last second, when we have the ball high up the pitch, we are gutted", he added.

"It was a good goal well taken by Zaha but we gave it to them. With five or ten seconds to go all we had to do was to keep the ball."

The Saddlers fired a warning shot in stoppage time. Roberts was allowed too much time and space, and found the overlapping Joe Edwards who could only shoot straight at Oxley.

A frantic finale saw the Saddlers throw bodies forward, with full-back Joe Edwards' twice-deflected piledriver bringing the best out of Oxley, before the keeper showed his mettle with a smart stoppage-time tip-over from sub Daniel Agyei.

Brown said after the game: "We were at our best defensively and the togetherness was there to see."

"It's great to get the three points – but I would have liked to have seen that second goal go in."

Speaking of Zaha, Palace boss Hodgson, said: "Well, he saved a point for us in the 96th minute with an excellent goal."

"I think he threatened that goal on several occasions beforehand. Joe Hart had an excellent game."

The former England chief added: "In the second half, I think the domination and the number of times we've had the ball in and around the penalty area, the shots at goal, corner kicks. I think those two goals are nothing more than the team deserved."

West Ham return to Premier League action on Saturday, November 4 when Liverpool visit the London Stadium (5.30pm).

**Crystal Palace:** Julian Speroni, Joel Ward (Bakary Sako 58'), Patrick van Aanholt (Timothy Fosu-Mensah 11'), Luka Milivojevic, James Tomkins, Scott Dann (Capt), Yohan Cabaye, Ruben Loftus-Cheek, Andros Townsend, Wilfried Zaha, Jeffrey Schlupp. Subs not used: Wayne Hennessey, Damien Delaney, Martin Kelly, Jason Puncheon, Jairo Riedewald.

**West Ham United:** Joe Hart, Aaron Cresswell (Arthur Masuaku 46'), Jose Fonte (Declan Rice 75'), Pablo Zabaleta (Michail Antonio 62'), Cheikhou Kouyate, Manuel Lanzini, Mark Noble (Capt), Javier Hernandez, Andre Ayew, Angelo Ogbonna, Edmilson Fernandes. Subs not used: Adrian, Marko Arnautovic, Andy Carroll, Pedro Obiang.

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## Blues defence holds on for away win after Cox strike

**Walsall 0 Southend United 1**  
Sky Bet League One  
By Rowland Lyons  
at the Bescot Stadium

SIMON Cox's first-half strike ensured back-to-back wins for the Shrimpers, who are knocking on the door of the play-offs, leaving boss Phil Brown praising his players for a "resilient performance".

The Blues' positive start was rewarded, on 17 minutes when the hosts lost possession from an Adam Chambers free-kick. Michael Lightly put in a low cross, which was helped on by Josh Wright, who put the ball on a plate for Cox to rifle home with an angled drive.

Blues were a whisker away from doubling their lead barely a minute later, when a defender miscued, forcing keeper Mark Gillespie into a desperate tip-over.

But the visitors took their foot off the gas after 21 minutes when Tyler Roberts set up Erhun Oztumer, but the diminutive schemer was an agonising cigarette paper's width from making connection only a yard out from an unguarded goal.

Southend were lucky four minutes from the break when Jason Demetriou lost possession and saw Oztumer's stinging drive blocked, before Mark Oxley had to fend off Liam Roberts' effort.

Southend travel to Yeovil Town on Saturday in the FA Cup, first round (kick-off 3pm).

**Walsall:** Mark Gillespie, Joe Edwards, Luke Leahy (Kieron Morris 67'), Jon Guthrie, Adam Chambers (capt), Erhun Oztumer, Amadou Bakayoko (Daniel Agyei 67'), Tyler Roberts, James Wilson (Zeli Ismail 78'), Liam Kinsella, Shaun Donnellan. Subs: Liam Roberts, Nicky Devlin, Simeon Jackson, Kory Roberts.

**Southend United:** Mark Oxley, Jason Demetriou, John White, Anton Ferdinand (capt), Michael Timlin, Josh Wright, Ryan Leonard, Anthony Wordsworth, Michael Lightly (Stephen McLaughlin 76'), Simon Cox, Marc-Antoine Fortune (Nile Ranger 72'). Subs: Nathan Bishop, Dru Yearwood, Amadou Ba, Theo Robinson, Elvis Bwomono.

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## Non-league round-up

## Billericay still on Wembley trail

By Brian Jeeves

BILLERICAY Town kept their hopes of a Wembley final in sight after late goals ensured a 3-1 Buildbase FA Trophy first qualifying round victory over Tooting & Mitcham United at the AGP Arena.

Mike Dixon gave Tooting a first-half lead, and it looked as if the visitors might snatch a shock victory. However, in the final nine minutes, Joseph Ellul bagged a brace and Ricky Modeste added a third to guarantee Town's progress.

Junior Ogedi-Uzokwe scored twice, one from the spot, while Suliaman Bah was on target as Maldon & Tiptree beat Walton Casuals 3-0. Meanwhile, Brentwood played out a goalless encounter with Bedford Town.

Jamie Dicks scored Bowers & Pitsea's goal as they drew 1-1 with Egham Town and Heybridge Swifts and Tonbridge Angels played out an entertaining 3-3 draw at the Longmead Stadium. Juan Luque, Samuel Bantick and Luke Callander scored for Swifts. Grays Athletic also face a home replay after Kieran Bishop and Jamie Slabber found the net at Cray Wanderers. The final outcome, 2-2.

But it was the end of the Trophy adventure for Barking, who went down 2-0 to Beaconsfield Town at Mayesbrook Park.

Aveley slipped to defeat by the same margin at Burgess Hill Town. Meanwhile, Witham Town and Waltham Abbey crashed to 3-0 defeats at the hands of Potters Bar Town and Dulwich Hamlet.

Leyton Orient produced an improved performance to earn a 2-2 National League draw at promotion-chasing Wrexham.

Christopher Holroyd twice gave the Welshmen the lead. But goals from Macauley Bonne and Mark Ellis proved that there's plenty of spirit in the Os, despite recent struggles.

Dagenham & Redbridge picked up a point at Maidenhead United. Remy Clerima gave the home side the lead shortly before the break. Michael Cheek ensured the Daggers didn't leave empty-handed with a goal 10 minutes into the second half.

In National South, Concord Rangers were the region's only side to avoid defeat as Amos Nasha Junior's late goal cancelled out Robert Sinclair's strike for Oxford City.

Charlie Sheringham, son of former England striker Teddy, bagged the only goal as Hemel Hempstead Town won at East Thurrock United.

Meanwhile, the top two both slipped to defeat. Marcel Barrington's goal couldn't prevent Braintree Town losing 3-1 to Havant & Waterlooville at Cressing Road. Jason Prior bagged a hat-trick for the visitors. Chelmsford City were also beaten. Michael Spillane and Chris Dickson found the net for the Clarets, but hosts Chippenhams Town ran out winners 3-2.

Takeley head the Essex Senior League after a 2-0 win over Hullbridge Sports at Station Road. Basildon United remain hot on their heels, hammering Burnham Ramblers 4-0, while Great Wakering Rovers were 7-1 winners at Enfield 1893.

There was a 3-0 win for Hackney Wick over Southend Manor at the Southchurch Park Arena. Redbridge also won on the road, picking up the three points with a 2-0 success at Stansted.

In the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League an incredible match took place at the Forest Row Centre, where hosts Leytonstone United, suffered an afternoon to forget as Leigh Town won their Division Three contest 21-1.



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